

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/IN 2004/000192

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: A61K 9/52

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5681584 A (SAVASTANO et al.) 28 October 1997 (28.10.1997) <i>column 8, claims.</i> --	1-24
X	US 5650169 A (CONTE et al.) 22 July 1997 (22.07.1997) <i>column 6, line 54; claims.</i> --	1-24
X	GB 2140687 A (ALZA CORPORATION) 5 December 1984 (05.12.1984) --	1-24

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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PX	US 2005/0008701 A1 (SRIWONGJANVA et al.) 13 January 2005 (13.01.2005) <i>claims.</i> -----	1-24

Continuation of first sheet**Certain claims were found unsearchable:**

Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

Claims Nos.: 1-24 because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

The only technical features described in claims 1-24 in a concrete manner are the core comprising an active agent and the coating surrounding said core. As there are myriad of formulations showing such a form, no meaningful search report can be established; thus the examiner has decided to carry out a search on the basis on the examples.

Moreover the meaning of claim 24 is not clear. If the term "isolating" should denote "releasing", claim 24 represents a claim directed to a method of treatment, for which a search is generally only carried out on the basis of the alleged effects of the composition.

Continuation No. IV:**Text of the abstract**

(Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention provides an oral drug delivery system comprising (a) a core comprising an active ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, and (b) a coating essentially composed of ethyl cellulose surrounding the core.

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